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(d) whether refined sugar cannot be produced from the sugarcane grown in the Kurnool district;

(e) whether the Government ever experimented;

(f) if so, with what results; and

(g) if the Government have not till now experimented, whether they will be pleased to do so now at least?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The total imports of refined sugar into this Presidency in 1922-23 were 20,788 tons, of which 9,474 tons were imported direct from foreign countries and 11,314 tons from other ports in India.

(c) to (g) The conditions essential to the successful establishment of a sugar refining industry in this country are stated in detail in the report of the Indian Sugar Committee to which the hon. Member is referred. Those conditions do not exist in the Kurnool district where, in 1921-22, the latest year for which figures are available, the total area under sugarcane was only 239 acres.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ In view of the importance of the sugar industry in this Presidency, may I ask the hon. the Minister for Development to consider the desirability of answering the questions (e), (f) and (g)? Some figures are given with regard to the conditions that are required but nothing is stated about any experiments that the Government themselves have made.”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ I shall make enquiries.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ What is the area that would justify the establishment of a sugar refining industry? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ Some 6,000 acres.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Are there not other districts where there are compact areas of that extent? ”

Mr. V. C. VELLINGIRI GOUNDER :—“ In view of the importance of the industry, if suitable soil is not to be found, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of trying the experiment on a smaller scale? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ The question will be considered.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that more than six thousand acres are under sugar-cane cultivation in the Bellary district? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ It is a fact.”

### Veterinary.

#### *Touring Veterinary Sub-Assistant Surgeons.*

§98 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are willing to appoint more touring Veterinary Sub-Assistant Surgeons and establish more Veterinary hospitals or dispensaries in Nellore district; and



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(b) if the Government are willing, how many in each case, in what localities of Nellore district and when?

A.—(a) & (b) It is proposed to post a touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeon to Gudur in 1924-25 and, if funds permit, to open a Veterinary dispensary at Kavali in 1925-26.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“ In view of the answer given in the latter part, may I ask the Minister for Development to be pleased to consider the desirability of starting it in as many centres as possible ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“ I shall be quite prepared to do so to the extent to which present funds permit. But if more funds are available, I shall only be too glad to comply with the request.”

### Listed Posts.

399 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. 12-30 p.m. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the date from which the listed post of Settlement Secretary to the Board of Revenue was abolished ;

(b) whether any other post has been listed in its stead for officers of the Madras Provincial Civil Service and, if so, what post and from what date ; and

(c) whether the post of Secretary to the Government of India in the Law or any other department is included in the posts listed for the Madras Provincial Civil Service, and if so, from what date ?

A.—(a) The post in question was abolished with effect from the 24th February 1922.

(b) The matter is under reference to the Government of India.

(c) No posts in the Government of India are listed for the Madras Civil Service.

### Listed Posts.

400 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether orders have been received from the Secretary of State for India that there should be no reduction of the number of listed posts in the Presidency ?

A.—The hon. Member apparently has in mind the Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department No. 2559, dated 1st December 1920, paragraph 9 of which runs as follows :—

“ *Promotion from the Provincial Service.*—The Commission recommended some reduction in the number of ‘ listed ’ posts, but the Government of India have decided not to reduce the chances of promotion open to officers of the Provincial Service until they are in a position to appreciate more accurately than is possible at present the effect of the rules now framed regarding direct recruitment to the Indian Civil Service in India.”

No further orders on the subject have been received.